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Draft of SPECIFICATION

Title of the Invention:

Merger and acquisition proposal generation system and
5 Merger and acquisition proposal generation method

Proposed claim of the Invention:

[claim 1] A merger and acquisition proposal generation system which comprising a communication network, a
10 terminal of a merger and acquisition brokering business entity, a terminal of a candidate enterprise A, a terminal of a candidate enterprise B, a terminal of a candidate enterprise C and an ASP (an application service provider) server which is managed by said merger and
15 acquisition brokering business entity, each of which are mutually connected with each other through said communication network, and wherein said terminal of said merger and acquisition brokering business entity including a means for reviewing business information
20 about financial, accounting, selling and producing of each one of the candidate enterprises A, B and C, respectively, which are stored in said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, and further wherein said terminal of said candidate
25 enterprise A being provided with
a means for storing said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise A into said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity,

a means for updating said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise A on said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity,

5 a means for deleting said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise A on said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, and

10 a means for reviewing said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise A from said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity,

15 and further wherein said terminal of said candidate enterprise B being provided with

a means for storing said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise B into said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity,

20 a means for updating said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise B on said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity,

25 a means for deleting said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise B on said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, and

a means for reviewing said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing

of said candidate enterprise B from said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity,

and further wherein said terminal of said candidate
5 enterprise C being provided with

a means for storing said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise C into said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity,

10 a means for updating said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise C on said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity,

15 a means for deleting said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise C on said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, and

20 a means for reviewing said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise C from said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity,

25 and further wherein said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity is provided with a means for providing said respective business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of each one of said candidate enterprises A, B and C, in response to a requirement from each one of said a terminal of a merger and acquisition

brokering business entity, a terminal of a candidate enterprise A, a terminal of a candidate enterprise B, and a terminal of a candidate enterprise C, and

5 a means for storing, updating and deleting said business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of each one of said candidate enterprises A, B and C, in response to a direction from each one of said terminals of said candidate enterprises A, B, and C.

10 [claim 2] A method for generating a merger and acquisition proposal, wherein said method comprising the steps of;

a step for storing general business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of a 15 candidate enterprise A into an ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, from a terminal of said candidate enterprise A;

a step for storing general business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of a 20 candidate enterprise B into an ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, from a terminal of said candidate enterprise B;

a step for storing general business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of a 25 candidate enterprise C into an ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, from a terminal of said candidate enterprise C;

a step for requesting said general business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing

of said candidate enterprise A stored in said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, from said terminal of said candidate enterprise A, and receiving said general business information

5 therefrom;

a step for requesting said general business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise B stored in said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, from said terminal of said candidate enterprise B, and receiving said general business information therefrom;

10 a step for requesting said general business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of said candidate enterprise C stored in said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, from said terminal of said candidate enterprise C, and receiving said general business information therefrom; and

15 20 a step of requesting said general business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of each one of said candidate enterprises A, B and C stored in said ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, from said terminal of said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, respectively, and of obtaining and analyzing them so as to generate a merger and acquisition proposal.

25 Detailed Description of the Invention:

Field of the Invention:

The present invention relates to a system and method for generating a merger and acquisition proposal, which plans to merge or absorb over all or a part of a plurality of business enterprises with each other and

5 more particularly to a system and method for generating a merger and acquisition proposal to support the generation of the merger and acquisition proposal whereby general business information of a plurality of candidate enterprises are collected in an ASP server via a

10 communication network such as an internet or the like, and a merger and acquisition brokering business entity refers the information and generates a merger and acquisition proposal by merging over all plurality of business enterprises with each other or combining a part

15 of a business enterprise with other business enterprise.

Prior Art:

In the past, when a merger and acquisition brokering business entity prepares a merger and acquisition proposal and provides the merger and acquisition brokering business entity themselves must use some type of computer network, documents, or the telephone and the like to obtain required with regard to a specific

20 candidate enterprise, or purchase disclosure documents that a specific candidate enterprise issues at a specific time, such as a stock report, a financial report, an accounting report, or a tax report or the like, in order

25 to obtain the required information, or else a worker from

the merger and acquisition brokering business entity visits a specific candidate enterprise to obtain the required information, and, based on a company report with regard to the specific candidate enterprise, a merger and 5 acquisition proposal is generated.

In the above-noted method, however, the information available for use as a reference by the merger and acquisition brokering business entity in generating a trial proposal regarding merger and acquisition is 10 limited to information that the merger and acquisition candidate enterprise has made public, and information disclosed to the merger and acquisition brokering business entity by the specific candidate enterprise concerned.

15 Fig. 1, is a block diagram illustrating the general method in the case of generating a merger and acquisition proposal in the past and it is disclosed that in order for a merger and acquisition brokering business entity 100 to analyze business activity information of a 20 candidate enterprise A 110, a candidate enterprise B 120, and a candidate enterprise C 130 and generate a merger and acquisition proposal, the merger and acquisition brokering business entity collects information such as a financial accounting report 140 already issued by the 25 candidate enterprise A 110, a financial accounting report 150 already issued by the candidate enterprise B 120, a financial accounting report 160 already issued by the candidate enterprise C 130, responses to direct questions posed to the candidate enterprise A 110 during a visit

thereto, response to direct questions posed to the candidate enterprise B 120 on a visit thereto, and responses to direct questions posed to the candidate enterprise C 130 on a visit thereto.

5 Of the above, the financial accounting report 140 of the candidate enterprise A 110 is produced with the cooperation of an accounting firm commissioned by the candidate enterprise A 110, and is a report that has been made public. Similarly, the financial accounting report 10 150 of the candidate enterprise B 120 is produced with the cooperation of an accounting firm commission by the candidate enterprise B 120, and is a report that has been made public, and the financial accounting report 160 of the candidate enterprise C 130 is produced with the 15 cooperation of an accounting firm commissioned by the candidate enterprise C 130, and is a report that has been made public.

20 The financial accounting report 140 of the candidate enterprise A 110, the financial accounting report 150 of the candidate enterprise B 120, and the financial accounting report 160 of the candidate enterprise C 130 are all generated and publicized at the end of each fiscal period, these being generated once each year, or twice each year, once for the first half, and once for 25 the second half of the fiscal period.

An example of the financial accounting reports 140, 150, and 160 of the candidate enterprises A 110, B 120, and C 130, respectively, that can be easily obtained by the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 100

as specific materials is the stock report (required, for example, by the Japanese government).

In the method of the past, as a procedure for generating the merger and acquisition proposal, as is 5 clear from the flowchart of Fig. 3 of the accompanying drawings, the candidate enterprise A 110 first, for example, publicly discloses its financial accounting report, thereby providing it to the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 100 (step A1).

10 In the same manner, the candidate enterprise B 120 for example publicly discloses its financial accounting report, thereby providing it to the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 100 (step A2).

Additionally, the candidate enterprise C 130 for 15 example publicly discloses its financial accounting report, thereby providing it to the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 100 (step A3).

The merger and acquisition brokering business entity 100 receives the contents of the financial accounting 20 reports 140, 150 and 160 of the candidate enterprise A 110, candidate enterprise B 120, and candidate enterprise C 130, respectively, and in order to achieve the generation of an effective merger and acquisition proposal, asks each of the candidate enterprises A 110, B 25 120, and C 130 for further specific and detailed financial, accounting, marketing, manufacturing and other business activity information for each division of each candidate enterprise (step A4).

After the above, the candidate enterprise A 110 provides a full or partial response to the inquiry from the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 100 (step A5).

5 Similarly, the candidate enterprise B 120 also provides a full or partial response to the inquiry from the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 100 (step A6), and the candidate enterprise C 130 also provides a full or partial response to the inquiry from 10 the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 100 (step A7).

Finally, the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 100 uses all the information obtained from the above-noted steps A1 through A7 and other 15 information available from the market to generate a merger and acquisition proposal (step A8).

Problem to be solved by the Invention:

In the merger and acquisition proposal generation 20 method of the past, however, the information that can be referenced by the merger and acquisition brokering business entity when the merger and acquisition proposal is generated is limited to the information provided by a candidate enterprise in response to questions from the 25 merger and acquisition brokering business entity, publicly available information, and information available from the market.

Thus, although the merger and acquisition brokering business entity, which wishes to actually obtain an

agreement from relevant persons at a candidate enterprise, desires to obtain diverse information for making a multifaceted analysis of the candidate enterprise utilizing, for example, detailed fiscal period business 5 activity information for each one of divisions of the enterprise, respectively, or the enterprise's expected order inflow, it was not possible to satisfy this desire, and there was not a good method of verifying the truthfulness of the responses given to the merger and 10 acquisition brokering business entity by a candidate enterprise.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to improve on the above-noted drawbacks in the prior art, by providing a merger and acquisition proposal 15 generation system and method, whereby a merger and acquisition brokering business entity is provided with an ASP server which is managed by the merger and acquisition brokering business entity so that the merger and acquisition brokering business entity can manage the 20 business information related to financial, accounting, selling and producing of a candidate enterprise, and further the present invention enables each candidate enterprise to consign the storage and management of information regarding its own finances, accounting, 25 selling and manufacturing and the like to an ASP, and further enables the merger and acquisition brokering business entity to select from information stored at the ASP with regard to business information about various activities of a large number of candidates enterprises,

without disclosing this information publicly, something that was not possible in the past, thereby enabling the generation of a proposal with a high feasibility.

5 Means for solving the Problem:

In the Merger and acquisition proposal generation system of the present invention, the business information of each one of the candidate enterprises are stored in an ASP server which is managed by the merger and acquisition 10 brokering business entity.

More specifically, each one of the candidate enterprises stores its business information including financial, accounting, business and manufacturing information into the ASP server from the respective 15 candidate enterprises while the candidate enterprise and the merger and acquisition brokering business entity have a means for obtaining such information from the ASP server.

On the other hand, the method for generating Merger 20 and acquisition proposal comprises a step of the candidate enterprises storing its business information into the ASP server and a step of the merger and acquisition brokering business entity actually generating a Merger and acquisition proposal by obtaining the 25 business information of a candidate enterprise from the ASP server as reference information in generating Merger and acquisition proposal.

Specific Embodiment of the Invention:

Specific embodiments of a merger and acquisition proposal generation system and method according to the present invention will be described in detail below, with references made to relevant accompanying drawings.

5 As shown in Fig. 2, a merger and acquisition proposal generation system comprises a communication network 250 such as an internet or the like, a terminal of a merger and acquisition brokering business entity 200, a terminal of a candidate enterprise A 210, a terminal of 10 a candidate enterprise B 220, a terminal of a candidate enterprise C 230 and an ASP server 240 which is managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity.

The terminal of the merger and acquisition brokering 15 business entity 200 has a function of requesting general business activity information stored at the ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, with regard to the candidate enterprise A, the candidate enterprise B, and the candidate 20 enterprise C.

The terminal of the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 200 also has a function of receiving the general business activity information of the candidate enterprise A, the candidate enterprise B, and the 25 candidate enterprise C sent from the ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity.

The terminal of the candidate enterprise A 210 has a function of sending its own general business activity

information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and manufacturing information to the ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity.

The terminal of the candidate enterprise A 210
5 further has a function for searching, deleting, and updating its general business activity information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and manufacturing information, which is stored on the ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business
10 entity.

The terminal of the candidate enterprise B 220 further has a function for sending its general business activity information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and manufacturing information to the ASP
15 server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity.

The terminal of the candidate enterprise B 220 further has a function of searching, deleting, and updating its general business activity information such
20 as financial, accounting, marketing, and manufacturing information, which is stored on the ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity.

The terminal of the candidate enterprise C 230
25 further has a function for sending its general business activity information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and manufacturing information to the ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity.

The terminal of the candidate enterprise C 230 further has a function of searching, deleting, and updating its general business activity information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and manufacturing 5 information, which is stored on the ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity.

The ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, has a function of 10 recording general business information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and manufacturing information sent by the terminal of the candidate enterprise A 210.

The ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity further has a 15 function of searching, deleting, and updating general business activity information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and manufacturing information of the candidate enterprise A already recorded thereon and indicated by the terminal of the candidate enterprise A 20 210.

The ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity further has a function of recording general business activity information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and 25 manufacturing information of the candidate enterprise B sent by the terminal of the candidate enterprise B 220.

The ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity further has a function of searching, deleting, and updating general

business activity information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and manufacturing information of the candidate enterprise B already recorded thereon and indicated by the terminal of the candidate enterprise B

5 220.

The ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity further has a function of recording general business activity information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and 10 manufacturing information of the candidate enterprise C sent by the terminal of the candidate enterprise C 230.

The ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity further has a function of searching, deleting, and updating general 15 business activity information such as financial, accounting, marketing, and manufacturing information of the candidate enterprise C already recorded thereon and indicated by the terminal of the candidate enterprise C 230.

20 The ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity further has a function of, in response to an inquiry from the terminal of the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 200, providing general business activity information with 25 regard to the candidate enterprises A, B and C.

Hereafter, an operation of the present invention will be explained.

Note that in the following explanations, the network 250 is an internet.

As shown in Fig. 4, the employees in each area in the candidate enterprise A, such as the financial area, the accounting area, the marketing area, the manufacturing area and the like use the terminals 210 5 provided in those areas of the candidate enterprise A, to successively send general business information of the candidate enterprise A to the ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity managed, as his business, via the network 250, so that 10 the information is stored thereon.

When this is done, the employee in each area performs the task of recording information as part of the EDP environment in his company, without being particularly aware of the location or operator of the ASP server (step 15 B1).

In the same manner, the employees in each area in the candidate enterprise B, such as the financial area, the accounting area, the marketing area, the manufacturing area and the like use the terminals 220 20 provided in those areas of the candidate enterprise B, to successively send general business information of the candidate enterprise B to the ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity managed, as his business, via the network 250, so that 25 the information is stored thereon.

When this is done, the employee in each area performs the task of recording information as part of the EDP environment in his company, without being particularly

aware of the location or operator of the ASP server (step B2).

In the same manner, the employees in each area in the candidate enterprise C, such as the financial area, the 5 accounting area, the marketing area, the manufacturing area and the like use the terminals 230 provided in those areas of the candidate enterprise C, to successively send general business information of the candidate enterprise C to the ASP server 240 managed by said merger and 10 acquisition brokering business entity managed, as his business, via the network 250, so that the information is stored thereon.

When this is done, the employee in each area performs the task of recording information as part of the EDP 15 environment in his company, without being particularly aware of the location or operator of the ASP server (step B3).

The ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, in response to a 20 request from a terminal of the candidate enterprise A 210 for searching, updating, or deletion, performs the requested operation, and responds with the results for the request (step B4).

The ASP server 240 managed by said merger and 25 acquisition brokering business entity, in response to a request from a terminal of the candidate enterprise B 220 for searching, updating, or deletion, performs the requested operation, and responds with the results for the request (step B5).

The ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, in response to a request from a terminal of the candidate enterprise C 230 for searching, updating, or deletion, performs the 5 requested operation, and responds with the results for the request (step B6).

An employee at the merger and acquisition brokering business entity using a terminal of the merger and acquisition brokering business entity 200, requests the 10 ASP server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity, to provide general business activity information, such as financial, accounting, marketing, business information and the like of the candidate enterprises A, B and C, stored on the ASP 15 server 240 managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity and views and analyzes this information so as to generate a merger and acquisition proposal (step B7).

As described above, in this aspect of an embodiment 20 of the present invention, only a merger and acquisition brokering business can access various types of activity information of candidate enterprises stored at an ASP 240, without disclosing them, something that was not possible in the past, and use this as a reference for generating a 25 merger and acquisition proposal, thereby providing a method for generating a merger and acquisition proposal with a high feasibility.

Effect of the Invention:

The first effect of the present invention is that, of enabling the achievement by the merger and acquisition brokering business entity of an optimum merger and acquisition proposal by the merger and acquisition 5 brokering business entity by combining diverse candidate enterprises.

The reason for this is that, unlike the past, it is possible with the present invention for the merger and acquisition brokering business entity to obtain various 10 activities information for a candidate enterprise stored at an ASP, and reference this information in the generation of a merger and acquisition proposal, without publicly disclosing the information.

The second effect achieved is that of enabling a 15 merger and acquisition proposal from a combination of candidate enterprise from a large number of candidate enterprises in a short period of time.

The reason for this is that, unlike the past, it is possible with the present invention for the merger and 20 acquisition brokering business entity to perform an objective and wide-ranging study of various business activity information of candidate enterprises stored at an ASP as a third party, and to make use of this information as a reference in generating a merger and 25 acquisition proposal through repeated trial and error, dealing with a large amount of information quickly in an EDP environment.

The third effect achieved by the present invention is that of improving the evaluation of a candidate enterprise's shares and other instruments in the market.

The reason for this is that a candidate enterprise 5 that is able to provide the merger and acquisition brokering business entity with business activity information is evaluated as being honest and open, and as having accounting reports that have high credibility.

10 Brief Description of the Drawings:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Fig. 1 is a block diagram showing the configuration of a merger and acquisition proposal generation system in the past.

15 Fig. 2 is a block diagram showing the configuration of an embodiment of a merger and acquisition proposal generation system according to the present invention.

Fig. 3 is a flowchart illustrating the general operating procedure in a merger and acquisition proposal 20 generation method of the past.

Fig. 4 is a flowchart illustrating the general operating procedure in a merger and acquisition proposal generation method according to the present invention.

25 Explanation of the reference marks:

100 merger and acquisition brokering business entity

110 candidate enterprise A

120 candidate enterprise B

130 candidate enterprise C

140 financial and accounting report of candidate enterprise A

150 financial and accounting report of candidate enterprise B

5 160 financial and accounting report of candidate enterprise C

200 terminal of the merger and acquisition brokering business entity

210 terminal of the candidate enterprise A

10 220 terminal of the candidate enterprise B

230 terminal of the candidate enterprise C

240 ASP server managed by said merger and acquisition brokering business entity,

250 network

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Drawings

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a merger and acquisition system in which only a merger and acquisition 5 brokering business can access various types of activity information of candidate enterprises without disclosing them, something that was not possible in the past, and use this as a reference for generating a merger and acquisition proposal, thereby providing a method for 10 generating a merger and acquisition proposal with a high feasibility.

In the Merger and acquisition proposal generation system of the present invention, the business information of each one of the candidate enterprises are stored in an 15 ASP server which is managed by the merger and acquisition brokering business entity.

More specifically, a candidate enterprise stores its business information including financial, accounting, business and manufacturing information into the ASP 20 server from the respective candidate enterprise while the candidate enterprise and the merger and acquisition brokering business entity has a means for obtaining such information from the ASP server.

On the other hand, the method for generating Merger 25 and acquisition proposal comprises a step of the candidate enterprises storing its business information into the ASP server and a step of the merger and acquisition brokering business entity actually generating a Merger and acquisition proposal by obtaining the

business information of a candidate enterprise from the ASP server as reference information in generating Merger and acquisition proposal.

Fig.1

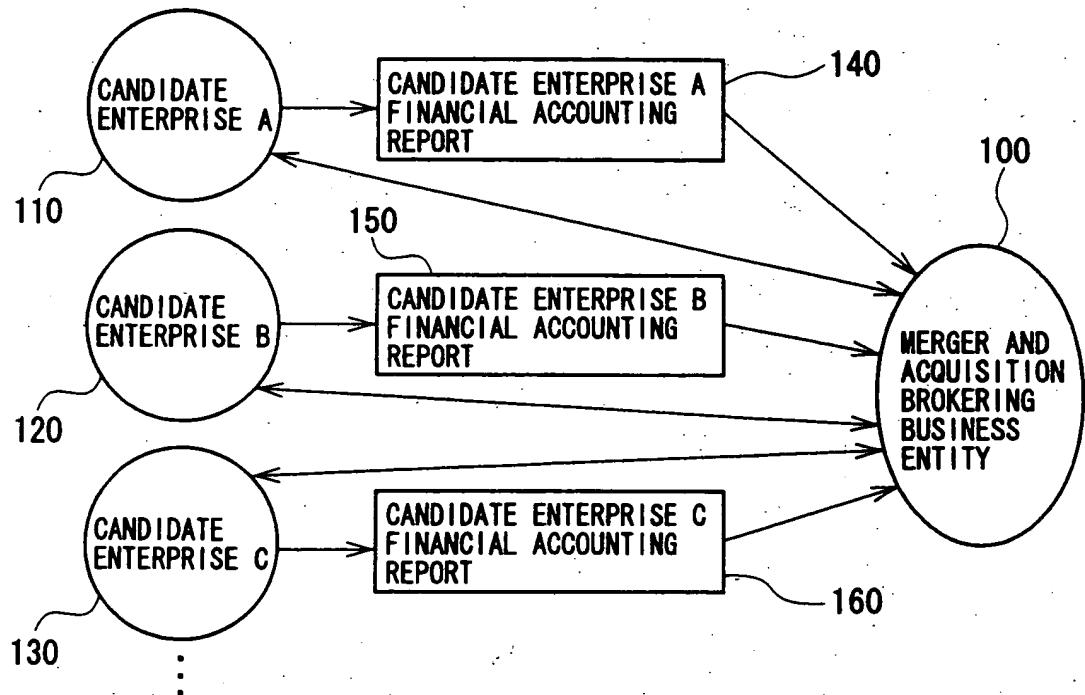


Fig.2

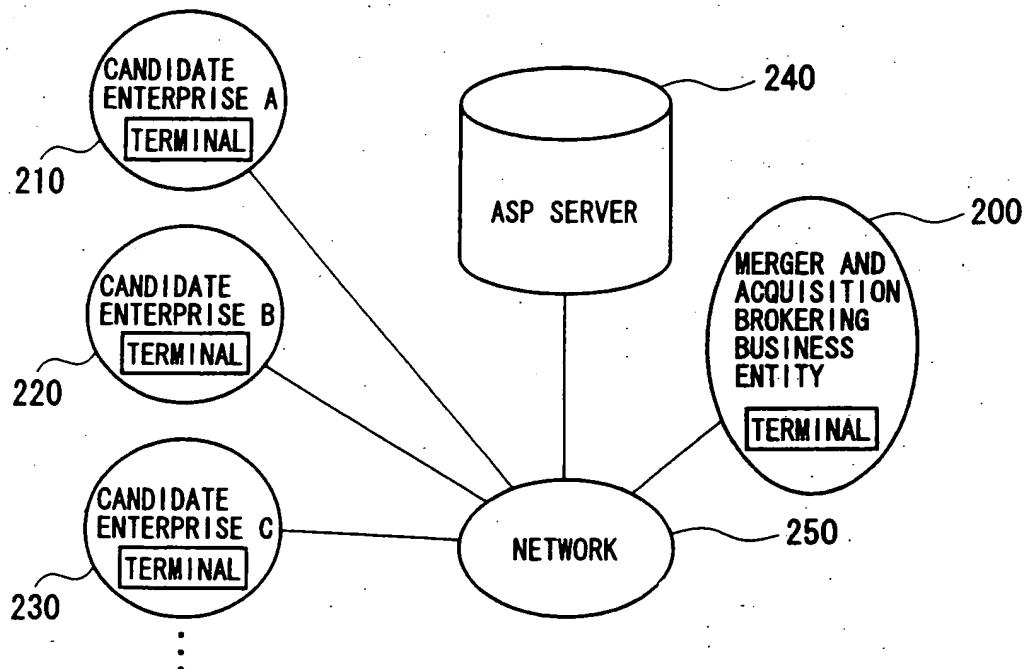


Fig. 3

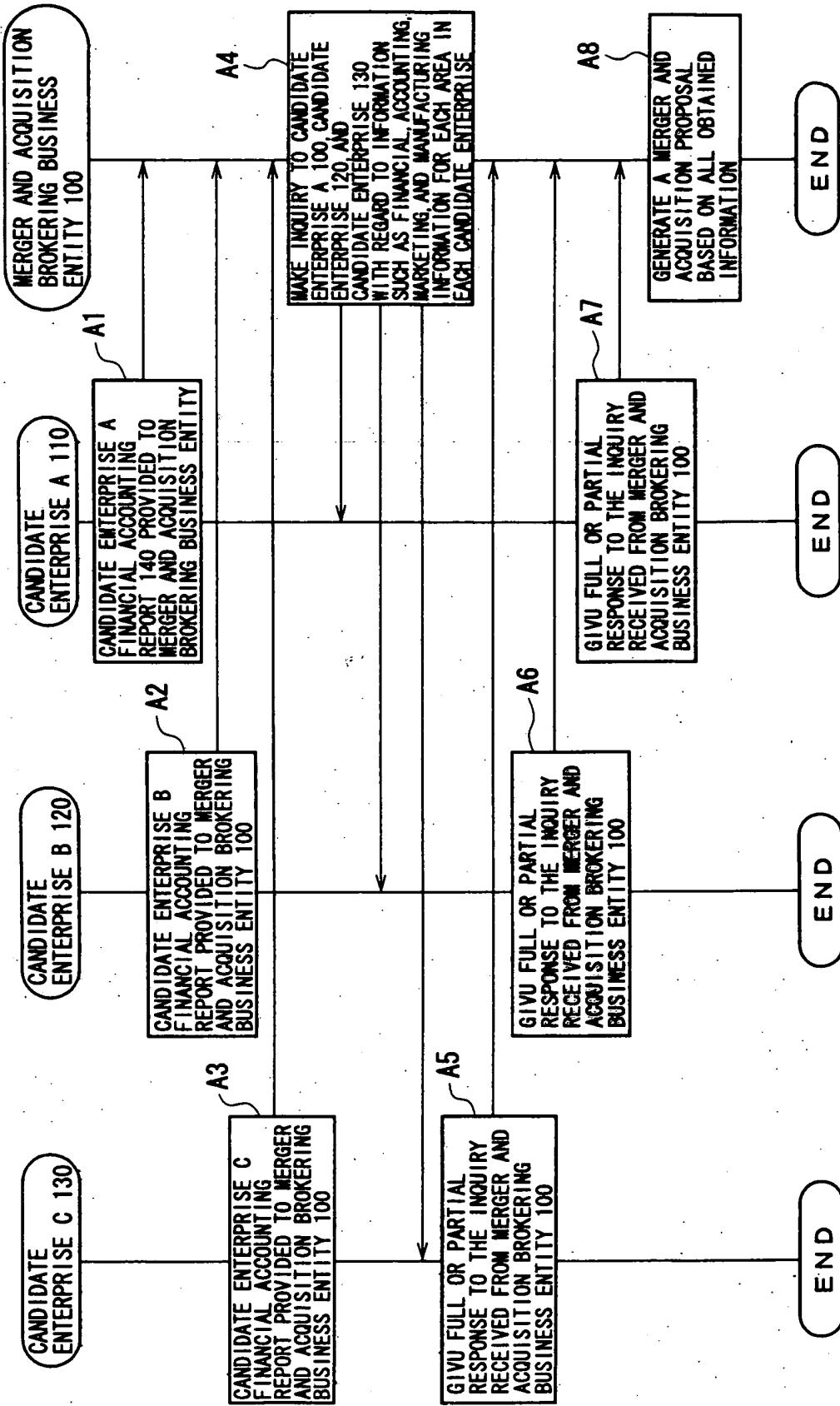


Fig. 4

